NICE WEATHER TODAY.
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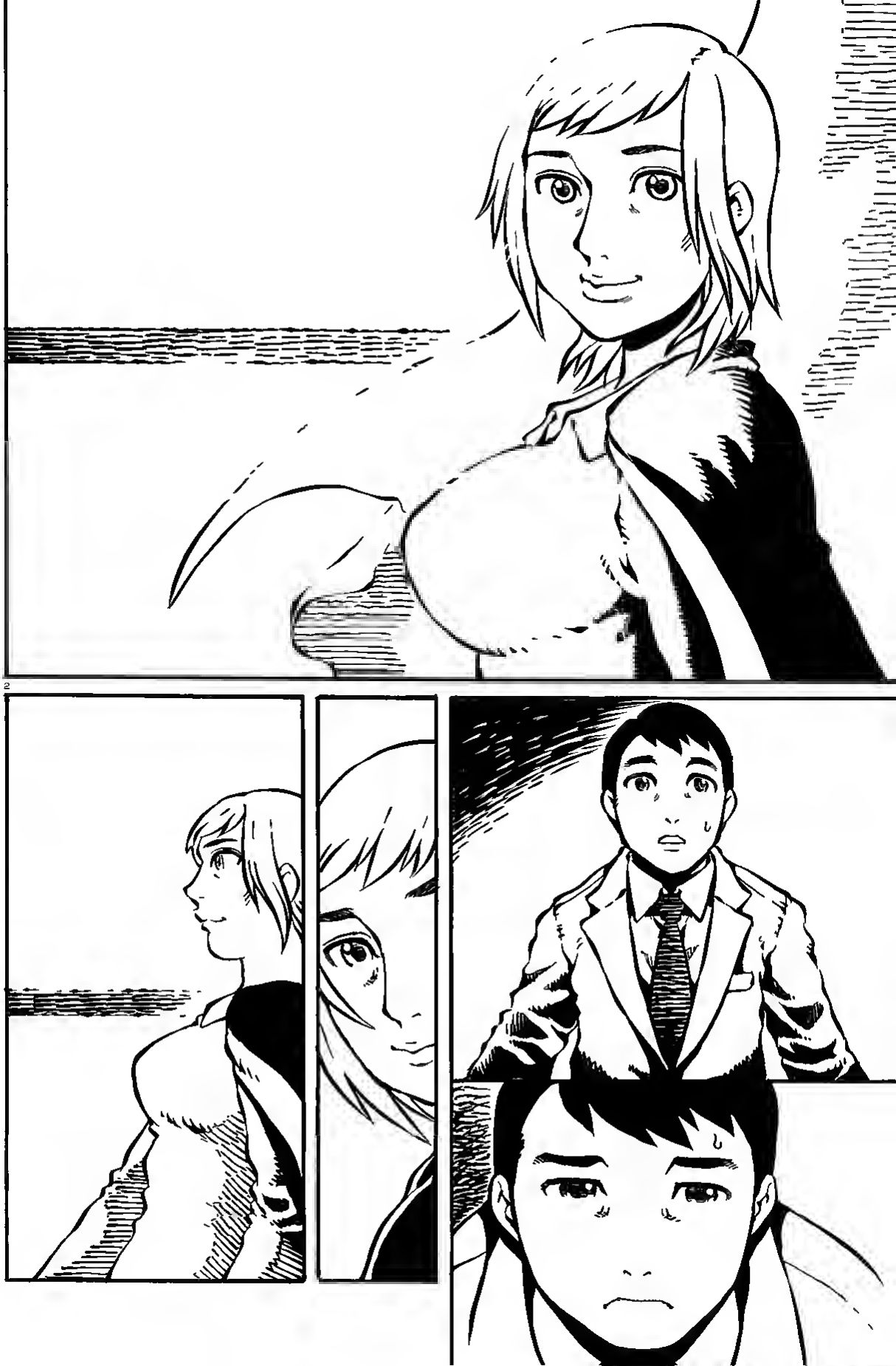
THIS IS IT FOR ME, ISN'T IT?



HOW BORING...
THE FUN PART IS...
ONLY JUST BEGIN-NING...
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NIJIMA CITY...

瀧鷹之介の散歩時間

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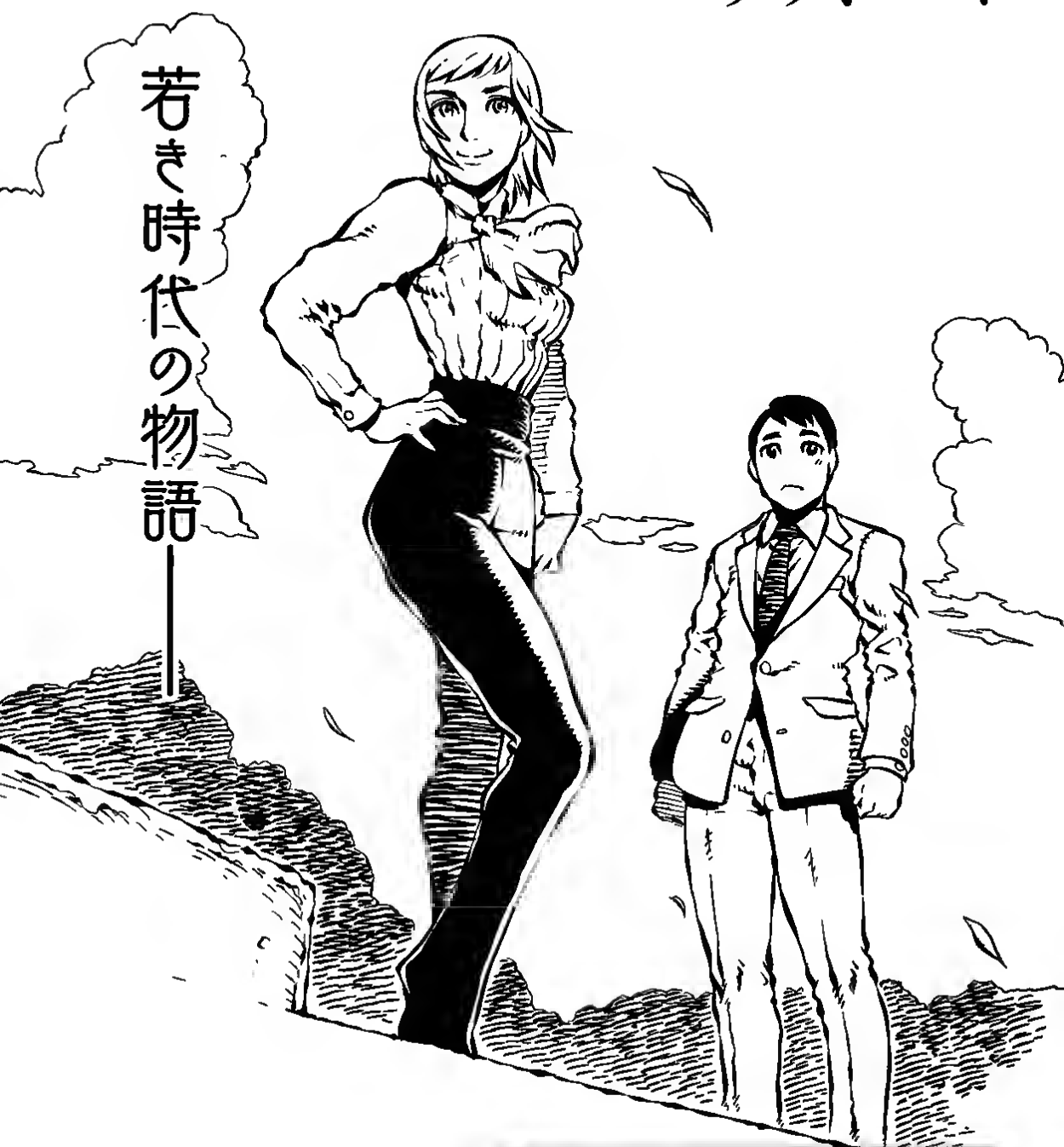
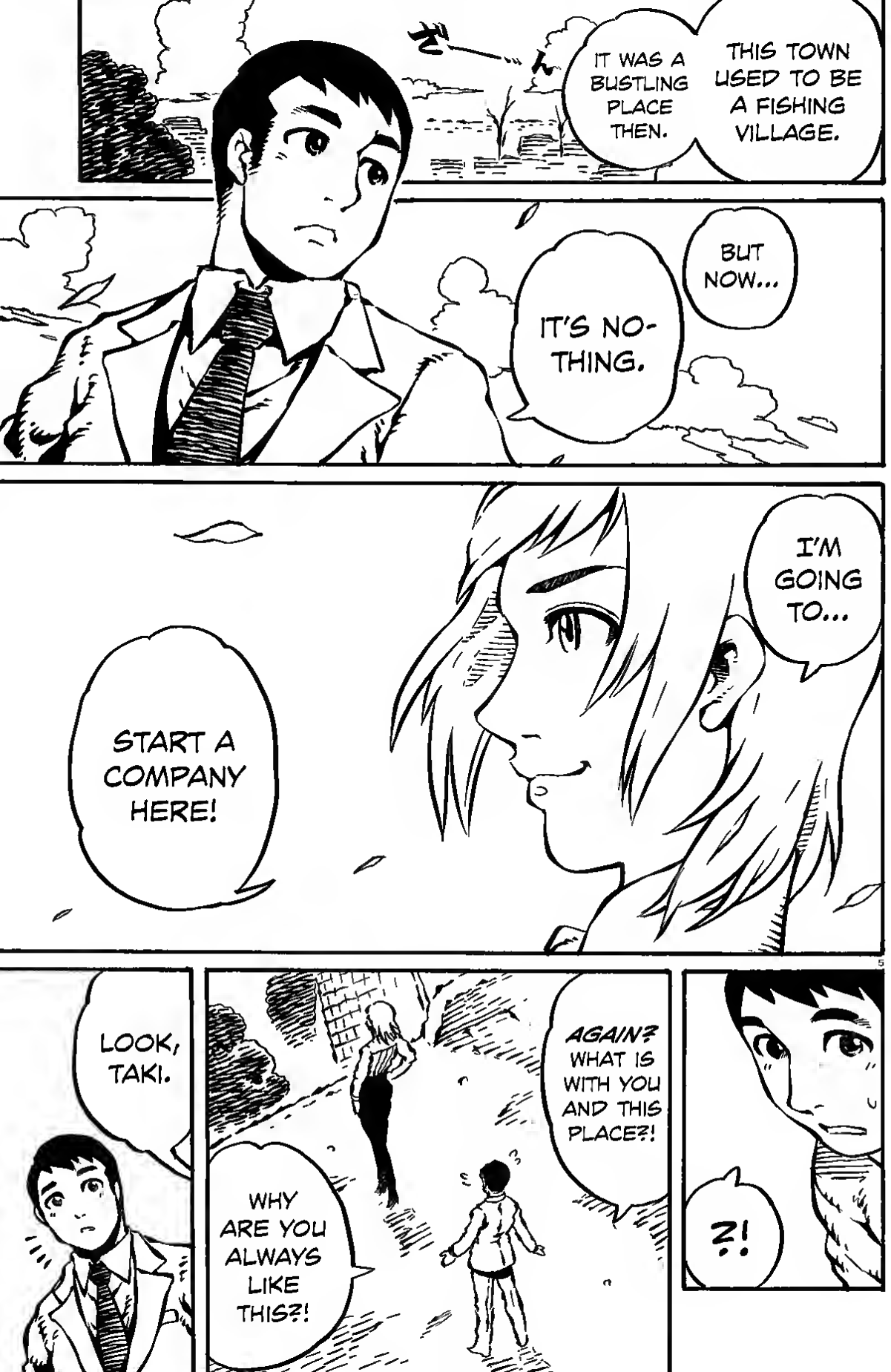


Ch.18 Before We Set Out on a Walk (3)


THIS TOWN USED TO BE A FISHING VILLAGE.
IT WAS A BUSTLING PLACE THEN.
BUT NOW...
IT'S NO-THING.
I'M GOING TO...
START A COMPANY HERE!
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LOOK, TAKI.
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THIS?!
AGAIN? WHAT IS WITH YOU AND THIS PLACE?!
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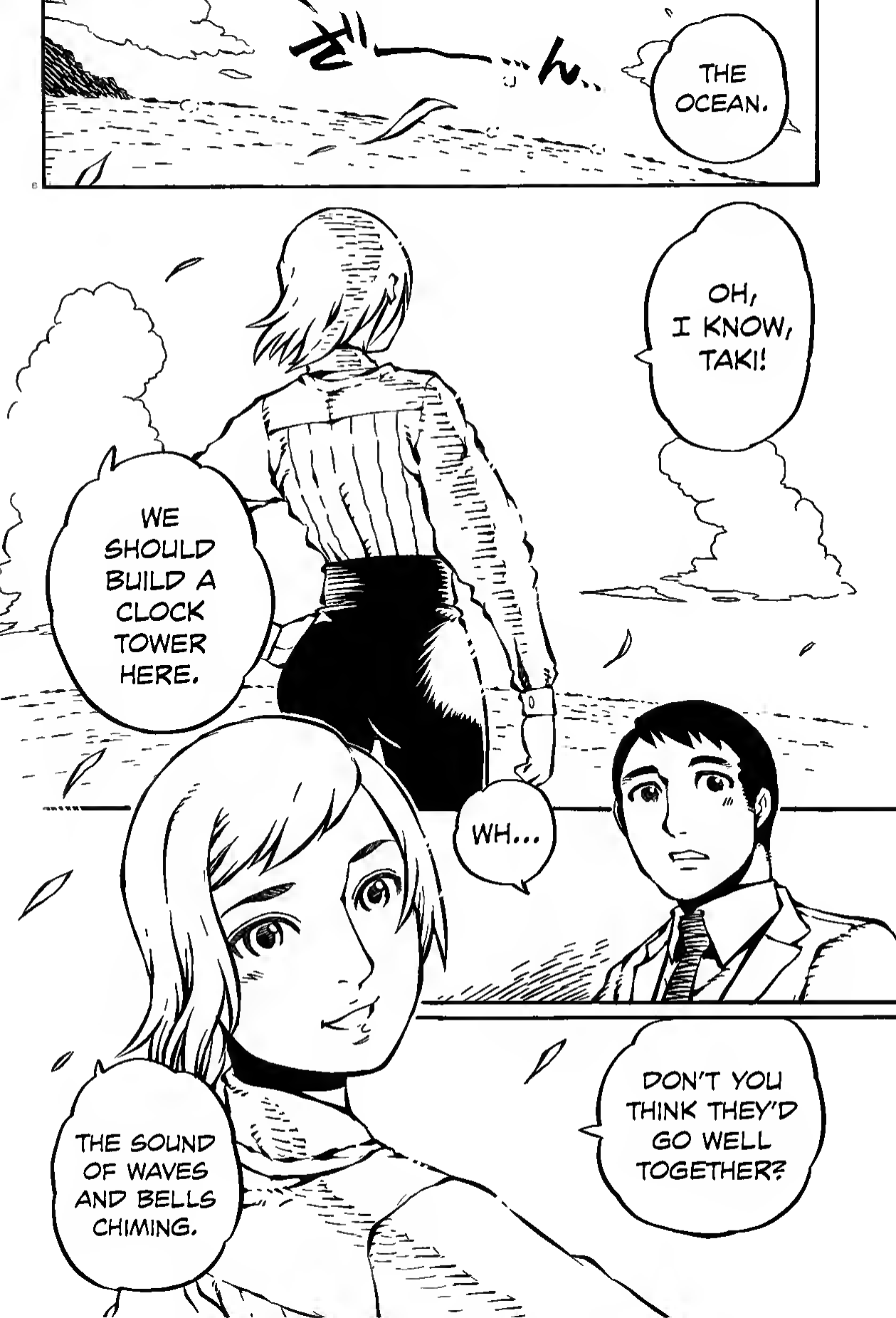
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THE OCEAN.
OH, I KNOW, TAKI!
WE SHOULD BUILD A CLOCK TOWER HERE.
WH...
DON'T YOU THINK THEY'D GO WELL TOGETHER?
THE SOUND OF WAVES AND BELLS CHIMING.

OUR SHIP
AWAITS US!
LET'S GO, TAKI.
We will build a company in this forsaken town.

Our success will surely lead to its revitalization.
I want to build this town up as much as I can. Will you help me, Taki?

tak
Creak
...Okay.
Phew...
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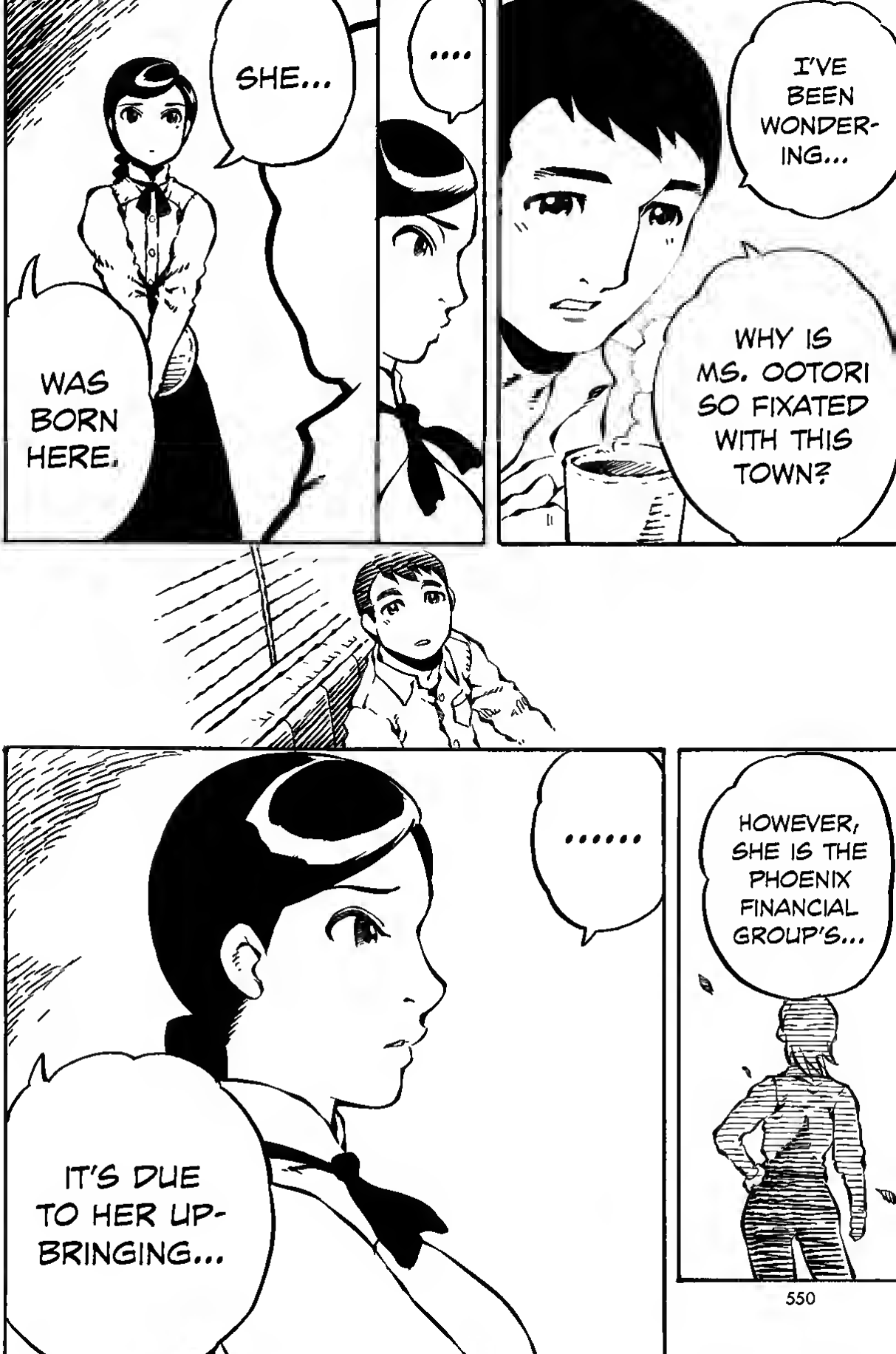
OH... AH.
GOOD WORK,
THANK YOU.
MR. TAKI.
TSU-KIKO?
....
YES?


SHE...
....
WAS BORN HERE.
I'VE BEEN WONDER-ING...
WHY IS MS. OOTORI SO FIXATED WITH THIS TOWN?
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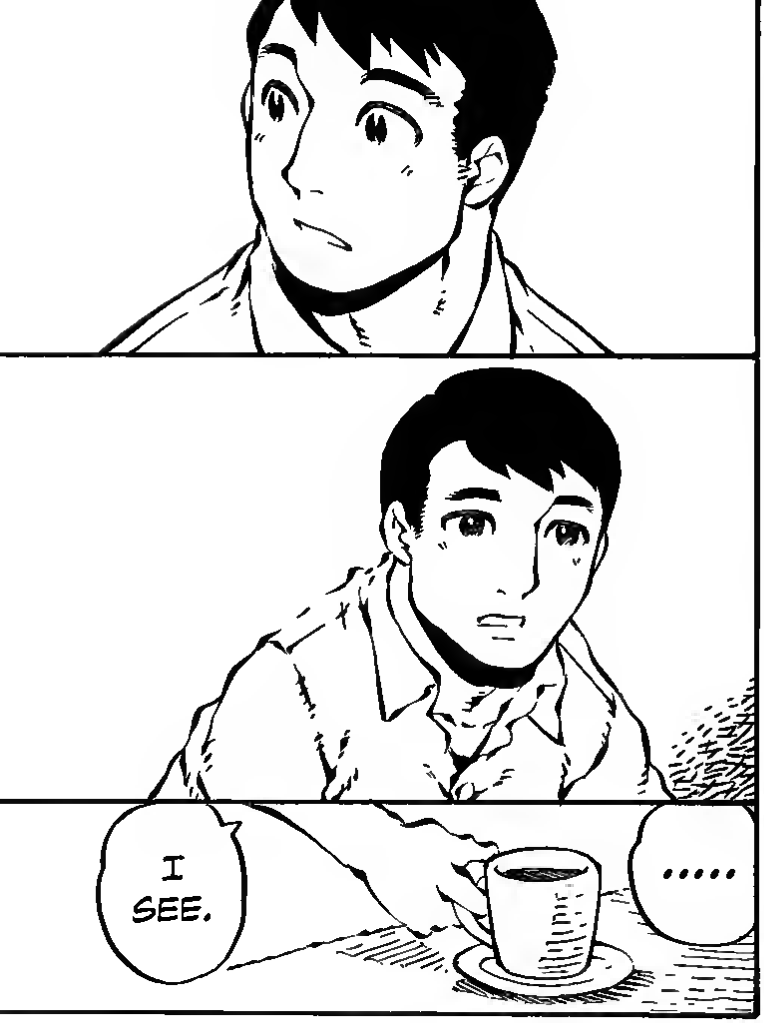
IT'S DUE TO HER UP-BRINGING...
HOWEVER, SHE IS THE PHOENIX FINANCIAL GROUP'S...


I SEE.
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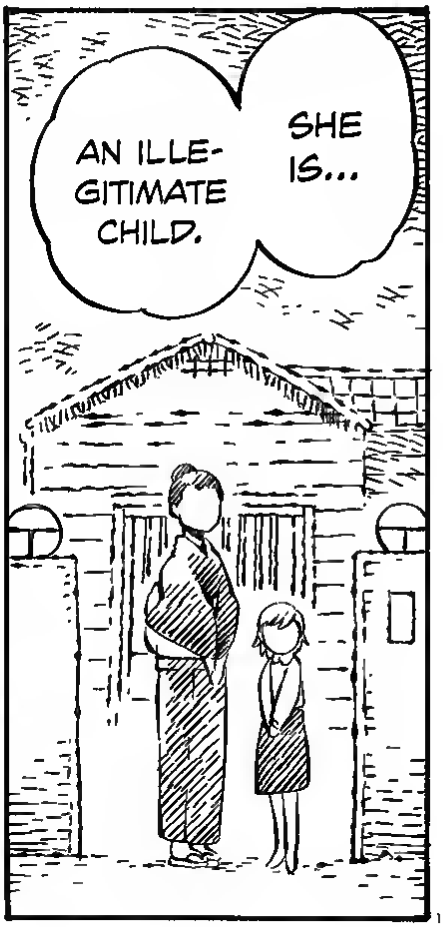
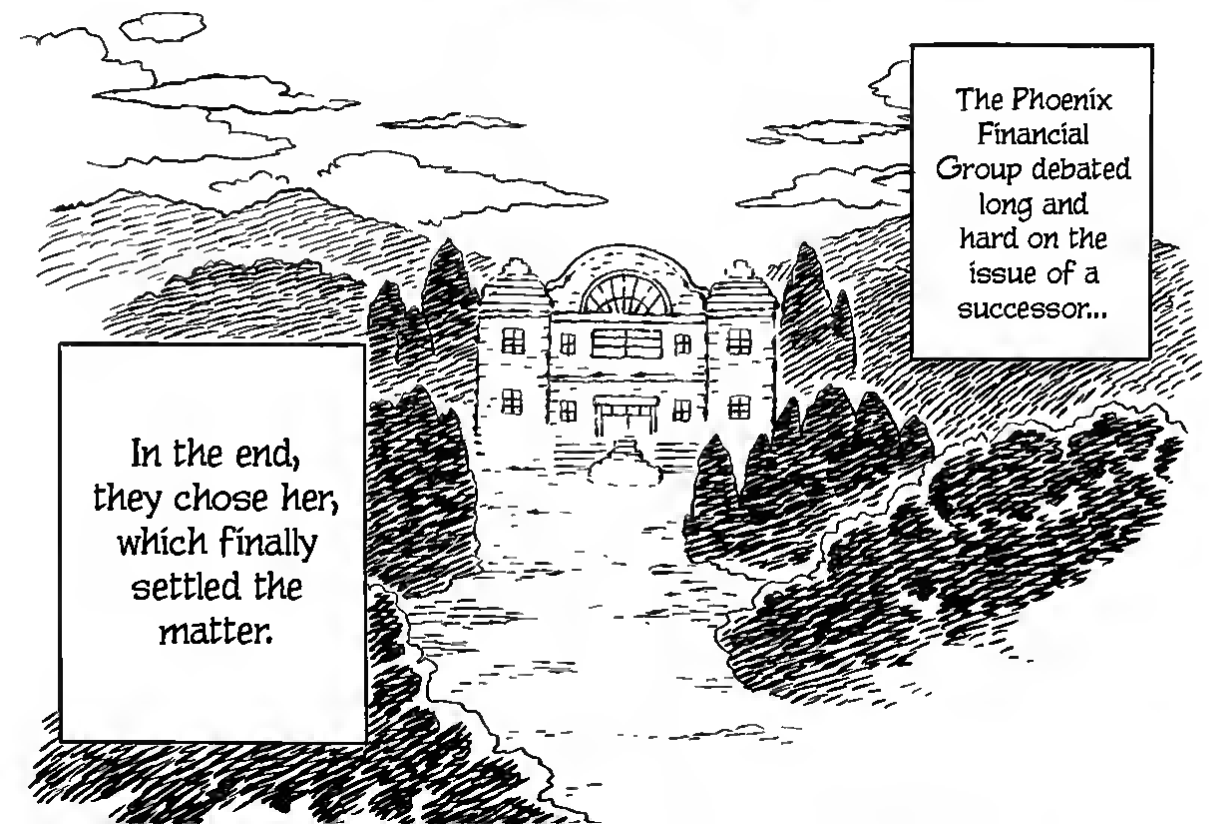

AN ILLE-GITIMATE CHILD.
SHE IS...


The Phoenix Financial Group debated long and hard on the issue of a successor...
In the end, they chose her, which finally settled the matter.

I hadn't realized...
just how much she's been through.
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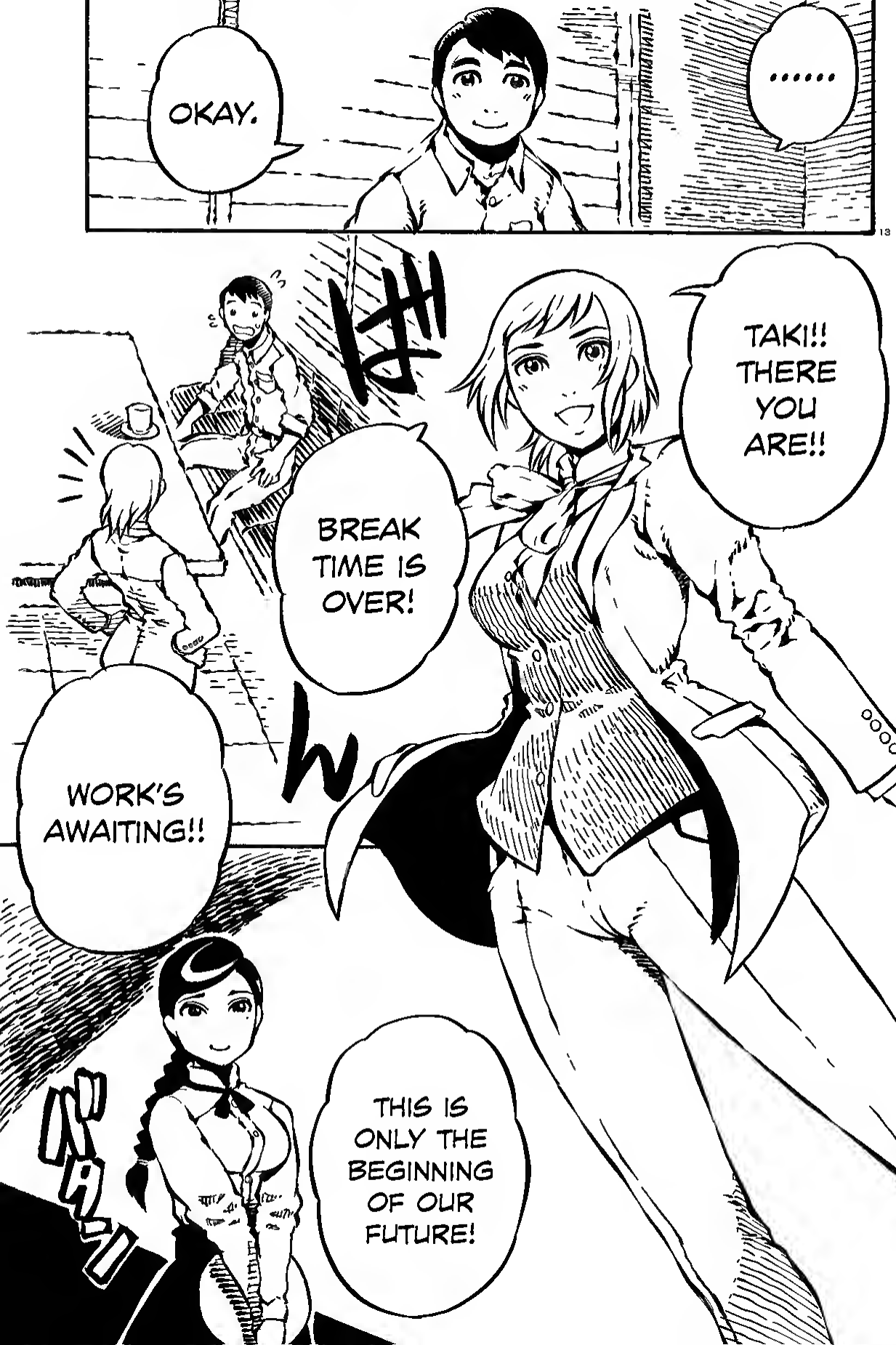
EVEN THOUGH I AM AN ORPHAN, SHE TREATED ME WITH SO MUCH KINDNESS.
SHE TOOK ME IN AROUND THAT TIME.
PLEASE
MR. TAKI.
TAKE CARE OF HER.
WHEN...
LADY KAORUKO IS WITH YOU, SHE ENJOYS HERSELF VERY MUCH.


OKAY.
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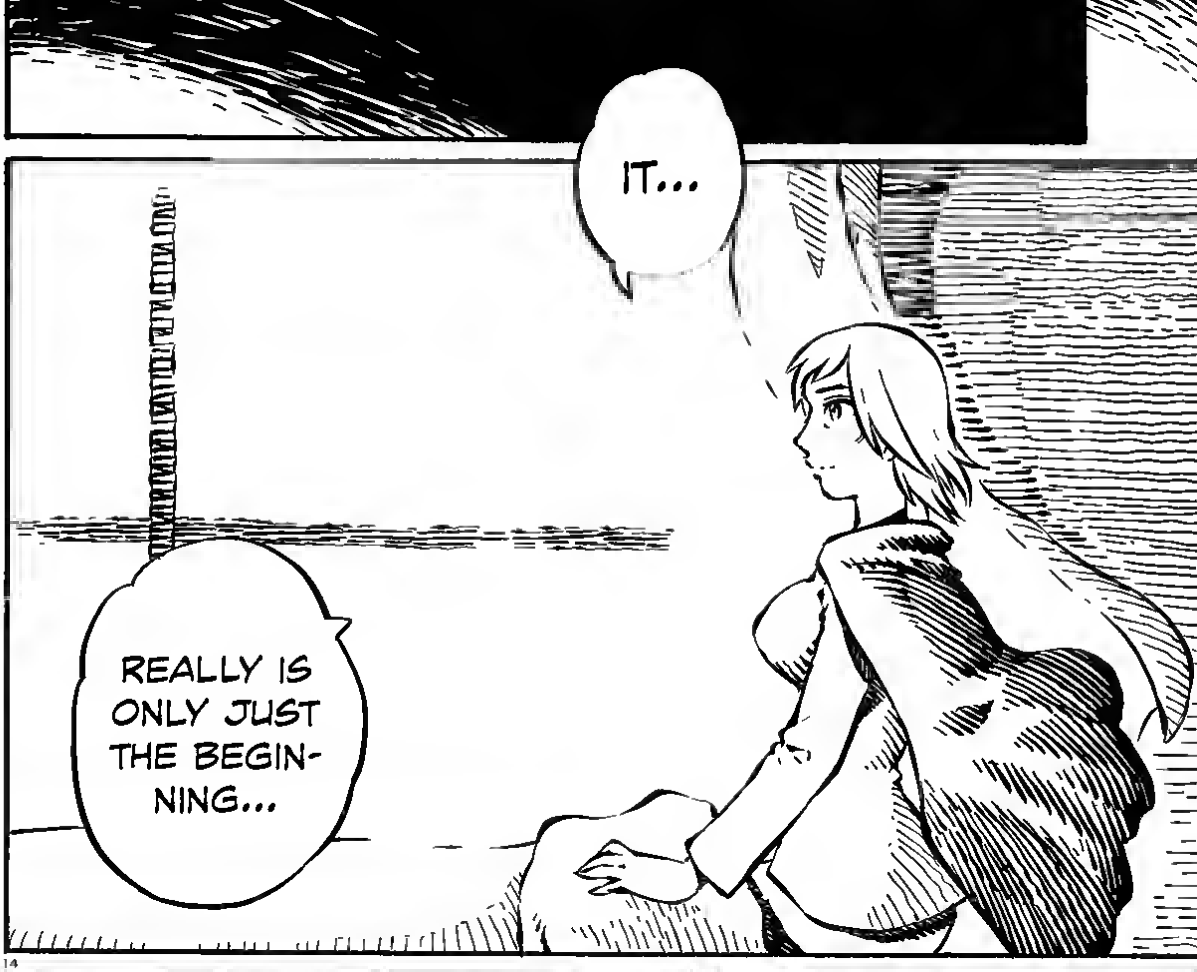
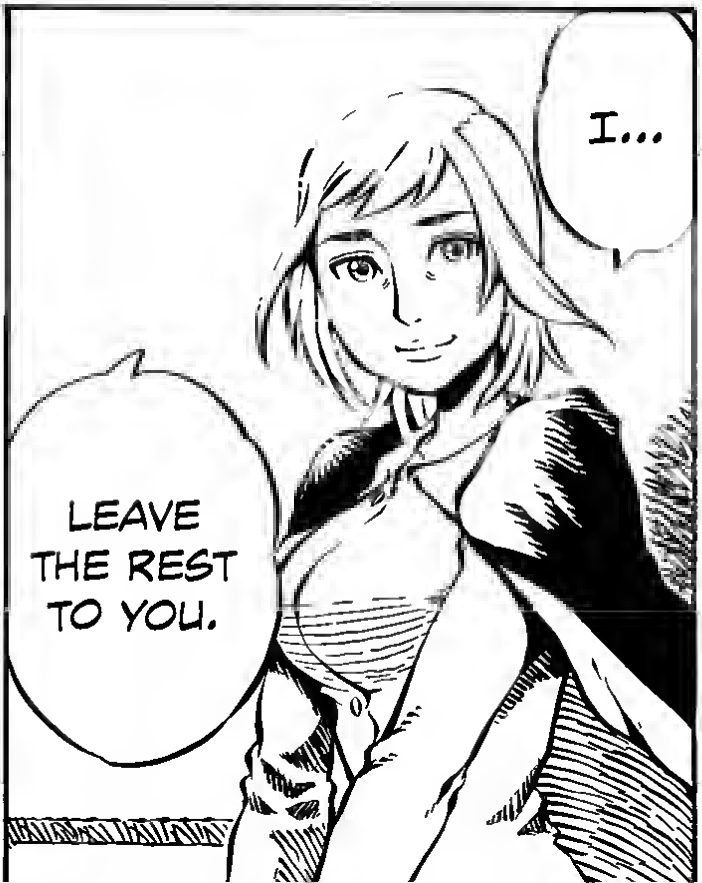
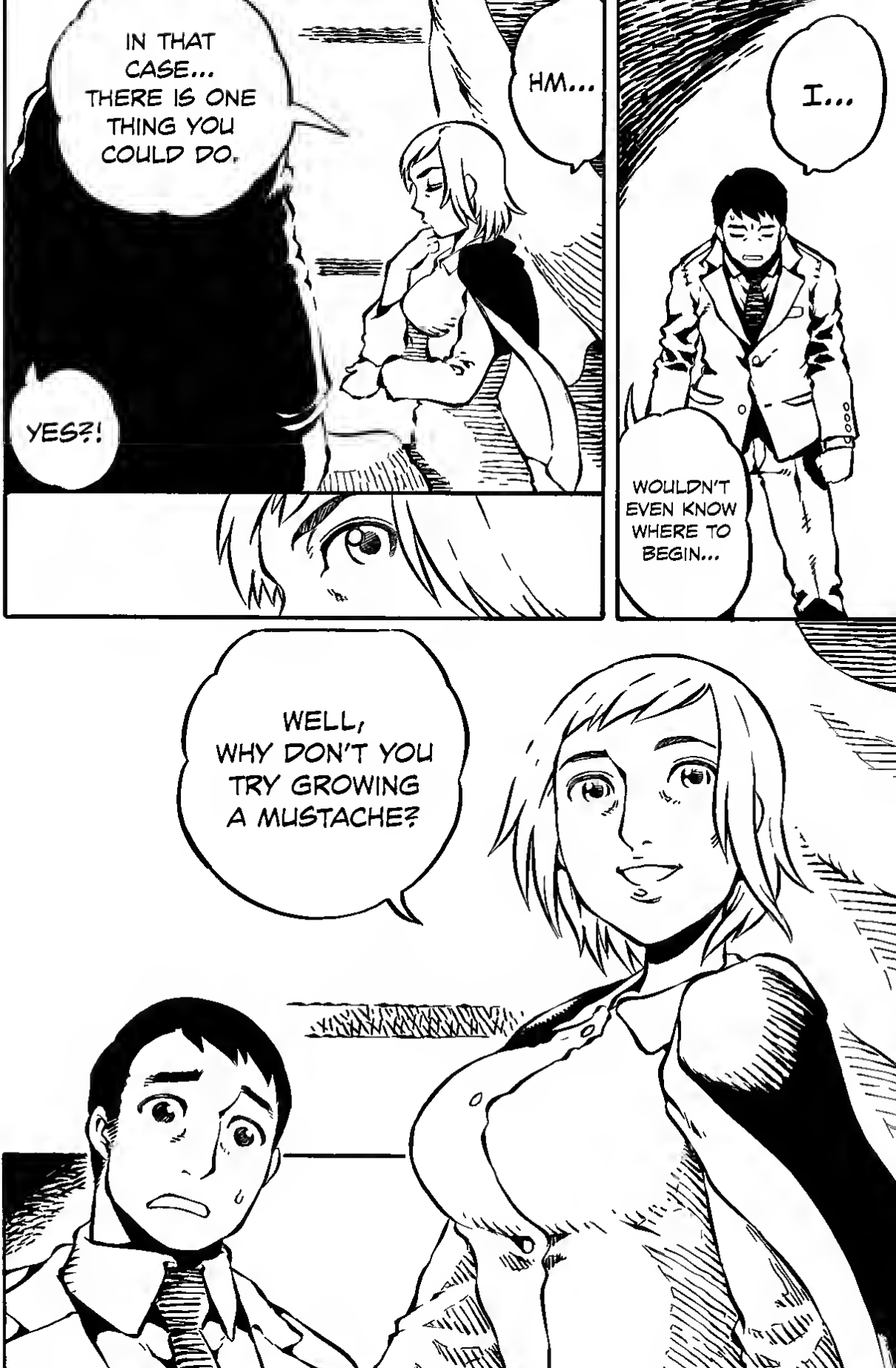
TAKI!! THERE YOU ARE!!
BREAK TIME IS OVER!
WORK'S AWAITING!!
THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF OUR FUTURE!


IT...
REALLY IS ONLY JUST THE BEGIN-NING...


I...
LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.

TAKI.

THE COMPANY IS YOURS NOW.
WHAT...
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
I HAVE NO BUSINESS RUNNING A COMPANY!
I...
I'M NOT TALENTED LIKE YOU...
STRONG LIKE YOU...
RESPECTED LIKE YOU...
....
I'M JUST...
HAVE NOTHING.


I...
WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN...
HM...
IN THAT CASE... THERE IS ONE THING YOU COULD DO.
YES?!
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU TRY GROWING A MUSTACHE?

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
STOP MAKING FUN OF ME, MS. OOTORI...
ASIDE FROM THAT, LEAD AS YOU SEE FIT!
WHAT? THAT'S ALL YOU NEED.
HAH
HAH
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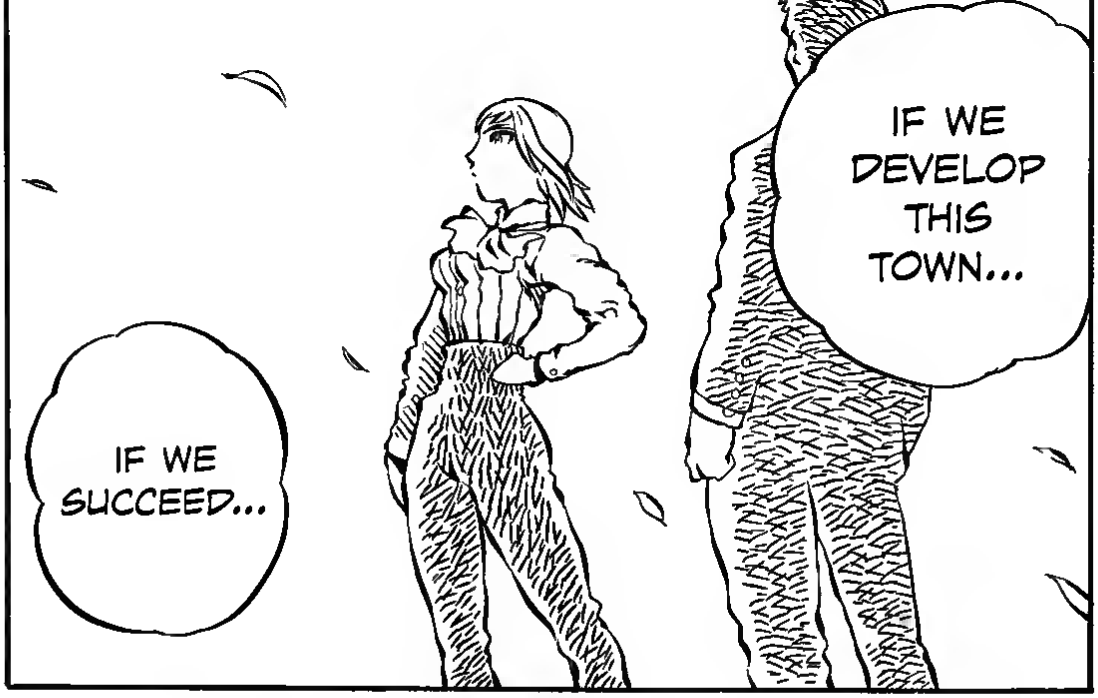
IF WE DEVELOP THIS TOWN...
IF WE SUCCEED...

THEN, TAKI...
WILL YOU...

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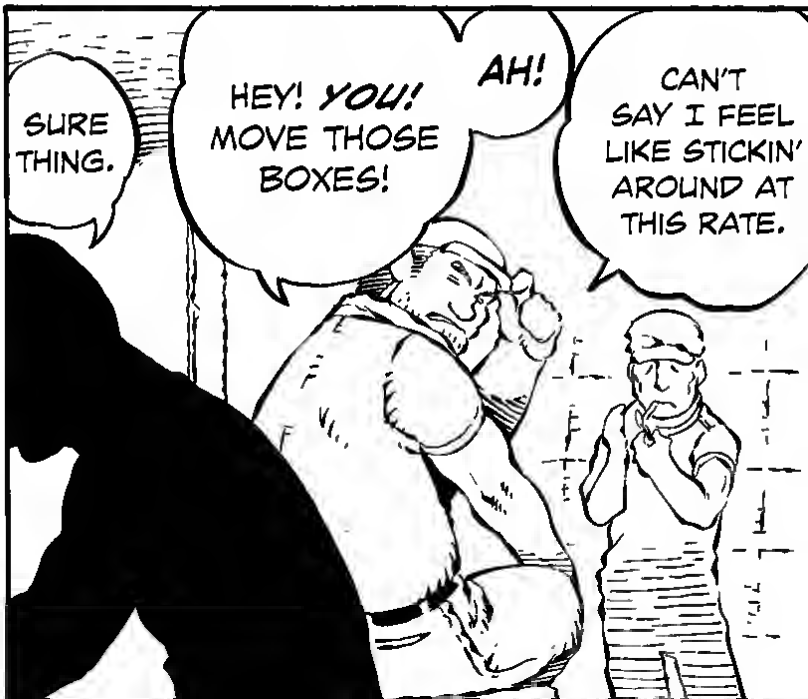
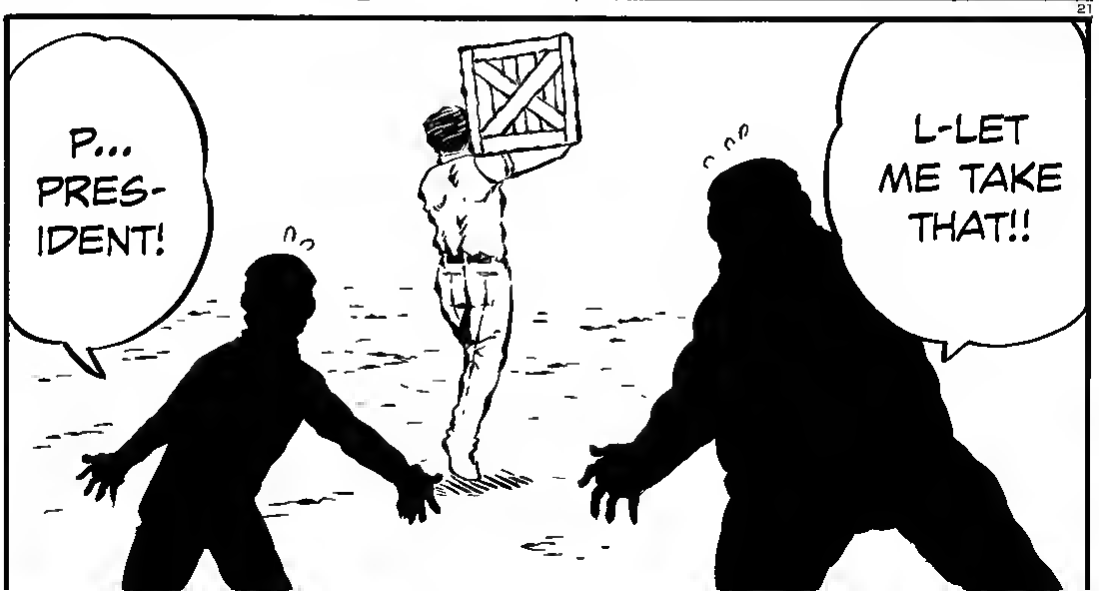
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE COMPANY...
GOTTA SAY...

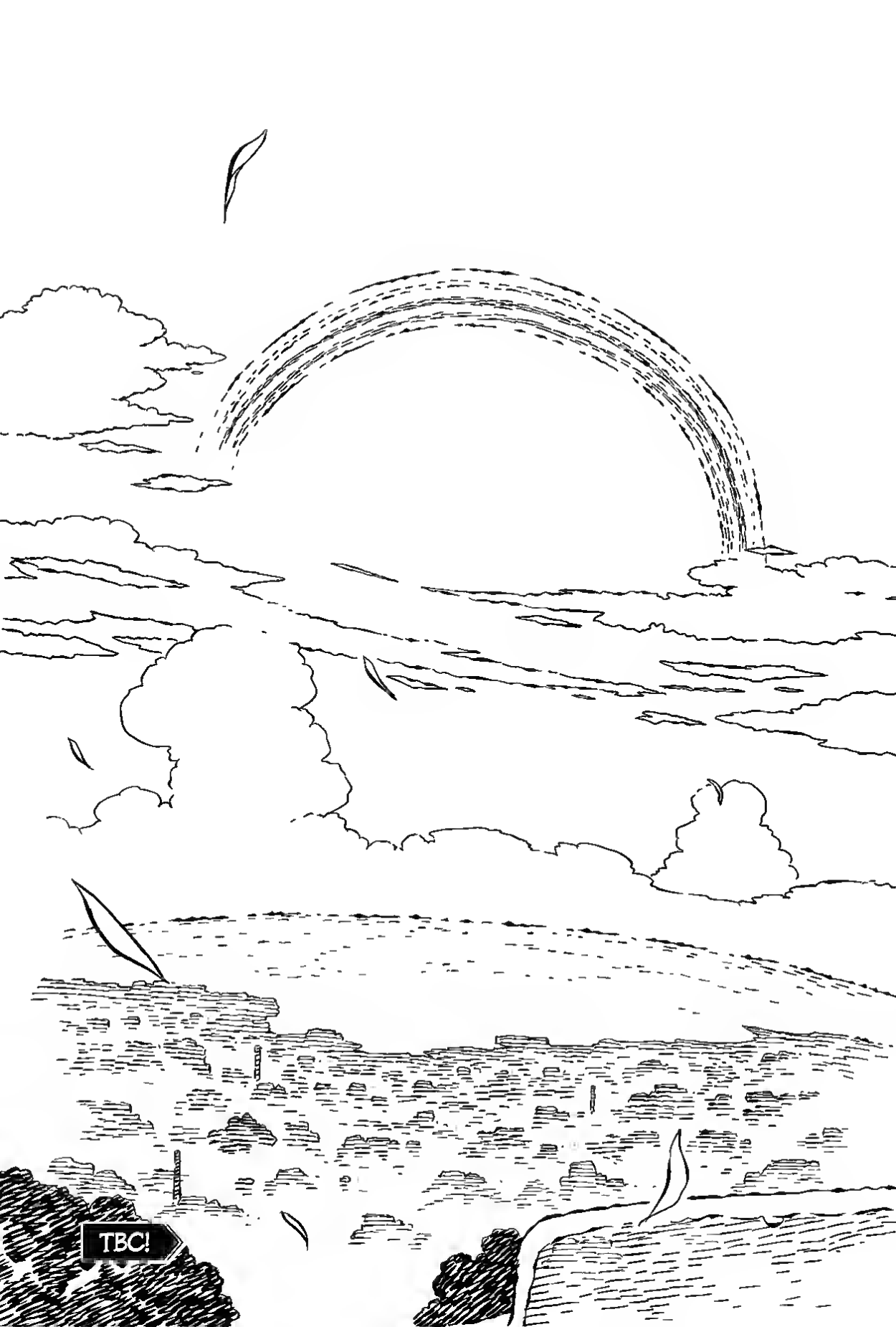
WE'VE GOT A NEW PRES-IDENT...
BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT DEPEND-ABLE...

HUH?!


SURE THING.
HEY! YOU! MOVE THOSE BOXES!
AH!
CAN'T SAY I FEEL LIKE STICKIN' AROUND AT THIS RATE.

...PRES-
IDENT...
TAKI?!
MR...
TAKI...


P...
PRES-
IDENT!
L-LET
ME TAKE
THAT!!


TBC!